



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JULY 25, 2005

CROP HARVEST CONTINUES TO PROGRESS

Crop growth has advanced over the majority of the state due to adequate rainfall the past week. Warm weather allowed farmers ample time to work in the fields. As a result, **winter wheat** harvest is now virtually complete. Significant progress has also been made over the past week with **vegetable** harvest. There were **6.5 days suitable for field work**.

Fruits are in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 1 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 84 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Peaches** were rated 7 percent fair, 89 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Pastures are in generally good condition with 1 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 72 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 13 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 17 percent excellent.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Cantaloups	38	19	26	18
Cucumbers	44	26	34	32
Lima Beans	12	4	25	7
Peaches	21	14	38	29
Potatoes	16	9	22	22
Snap Beans	38	21	57	43
Sweet Corn	33	19	33	27
Tomatoes	22	10	14	10
Watermelons	22	20	21	15
Wheat	98	80	100	97
Crop Progress:				
Corn Silked	87	76	96	76
Soybeans Blooming	37	15	33	21
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd Cutting	37	2	36	26
Other Hay 2 nd Cuttting	71	55	91	81

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	3	90	7
Topsoil (2004)	3	17	66	14
Five Year Average	13	16	60	11
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	97	3
Subsoil (2004)	11	31	57	1
Five Year Average	16	19	58	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.36	27.74	4.86	92	60	80	3
Easton	0.00	27.22	2.26	94	64	83	6
Frederick	0.35	25.83	3.23	90	60	79	7
Frostburg	0.30	24.57	-3.07	85	55	73	5
Hagerstown	0.95	18.11	-3.86	89	61	78	4
Mechanicsville	0.02	24.34	-1.37	92	58	80	4
Patuxent River	0.76	24.08	0.84	91	65	82	7
Ocean City	0.00	29.54	4.65	92	63	81	6
Salisbury	0.00	31.65	6.69	92	58	80	3
Sharpsburg	2.04	21.80	-0.80	91	61	78	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.88	26.65	5.41	95	66	82	3
Delaware							
Dover	0.29	28.38	3.72	91	64	81	4
Georgetown	0.23	27.44	3.43	92	63	82	6
Wilmington	0.01	23.66	0.19	92	60	80	4

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.